

of each of those Prorogations the four Gentlemen constantly neglecting to attend the Service of the House; the Assembly was put an end to by Dissolution to the great Damage of the Province.

I think it would not be just, should I neglect to acquaint the World with the Names of those abdicating Gentlemen, their Conduct, since sufficiently convinces us, what Motive occasioned their Desertion, and as those Gentlemen this present Assembly moved to have the Thanks of the House for the Service done their Country, by their Abdication. I imagine (notwithstanding the House was not so kind as to comply with their Desires) that I cannot offer a more pleasing Incense to the vanity of the illustrious Patriots; and so without any kind of Apology, I inform our Readers they were, *John Hogson, Esq*; the present Speaker, Colonel *Benjamin Hill*, Mr. *John Blount*, and Colonel *Benjamin Peyton*. The Reasons which induced those Gentlemen to such Conduct were notoriously known to proceed from Mr. Chief Justice, that Gentleman was acquainted, that Articles of Complaint would be exhibited against him, for Male Administrations in his office, and he plainly foresaw that if there should be at that Time a House, a strict Inquiry would be made into his Conduct, which he was well [3] convinced would not bear a nice Scrutiny, and that there was no Way so effectual to prevent the Danger he was exposed to, as breaking the House, which could not be effected but by persuading those Gentlemen to Abdicate: This is Evident to any one, who considers the Correspondence the Chief Justice kept with those Gentlemen in the Time of their Desertion, and more especially from a very remarkable Letter sent from the Chief Justice, to the now Speaker in their last Retreat, which Letter for the Elegance of it's Stile, deserves to be handed down to Posterity with great Care and Circumspection; but as we have not been so happy as to peruse that extraordinary Epistle, we can only communicate the Substance of it, as we received the same, from one of those abdicating Gentlemen; "Sir, the Assembly is Dissolved and the Members sent to the Devil, tantarararo, tantwive, tantwive." If our Readers will consider this Correspondence, & how steadily those Gentlemen have since adhered to the Chief Justice's Interest in the Affair of the Articles, exhibited against him, they will not think, those Gentlemen unjustly charged with deserting the Service of their Country at that Time with intent to screen the said Chief Justice from a deserved Publick Censure. Immediately after the Dissolution of the last